OMC	No. of ROs allotted during March, 2004 to November, 2005		No. of ROs proposed to be allotted during December, 2005.	
	In the country as a whole	In the State of Himachal Pradesh	In the country as a whole	In the State of Himachal Pradesh
IOC	3,601	74	159	0
HPC	2,021	22	357	4
BPC	1,542	34	80	0
IBP	635	21	0	0
Total	7,799	151	596	4

LNG Terminals

2242. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LNG terminals which are operating in the country;

(b) how many are in offing; and

(c) what is the status of Ratnagiri (Maharashtra) terminal?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) At present, there are two LNG terminals in the country. M/s Petronet LNG Limited (PLL), a joint venture company promoted by IOC, BPCL, GAIL & ONGC have commissioned a 5 MMTPA (million metric tonne per annum) LNG terminal at Dahej, Gujarat in April, 2004. M/s. Shell have commissioned a 2.5 MMTPA LNG terminal at Hazira, Gujarat in April, 2005.

(b) Ratnagiri LNG terminal in Maharashtra is likely to be commissioned in 2006. PLL have also initiated action for setting up an LNG terminal at Kochi, Kerala, which is likely to be commissioned in the last quarter of the year 2009. IOC and ONGC are planning LNG terminals at Ennore, Tamil Nadu and Mangalore, Karnataka respectively.

(c) Ratnagiri LNG terminal is about 75% complete. The terminal is tentatively scheduled for commissioning in 2006.

Decline in exploration of oil by ONGC

†2243. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.